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### **NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS**

#### **MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016** **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

#### **I. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

The regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey in the Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 9:43 A.M. Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Board Chair, opened the meeting by reading the following opening statement:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and the Courier Post.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

##### **Present:**

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Chair  
Alan Groveman, Ph.D., Vice-Chair  
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D., Board Member  
Anne R. Farrar-Anton, Ph.D., Board Member  
Sean Evers, Ph.D., Board Member

##### **Excused:**

Valerie D. Scott, Ed.D., Board Member  
Michael A. Siglag, Ph.D., Board Member  
Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D., Secretary

##### **Also Attending:**

Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to the Board  
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director  
Wanda Ginn, Administrative Staff  
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Confidential Assistant

#### **III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Walker informed the Board that they are still waiting to hear back from the Director's office about the use of legal name that is required for licensure.

#### **IV. REVIEW OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the revised June 6, 2016 public session minutes.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Farrar-Anton, and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to approve the June 6, 2016 public session minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all.*

**V. REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATIONS**

*Upon unanimous vote of all the members present, the Board went into executive session for discussion of the jurisprudence examinations. The Board returned to open session.*

**LICENSED BY EXAMINATION**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Farrar-Anton, and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor: all.*

**June 22, 2016 9:30 A.M. Jurisprudence Examination**

*Melanie Eckhoff, Ph.D.  
Kimberly Wesley, Psy.D.  
Nicole Sestito, Ph.D.  
Jennifer Yedlin, Ph.D.  
Marianne Dunn, Ph.D.*

*Antoinette Welsh, Ph.D.  
Rachel Baek, Ph.D.  
Mary McGaughan, Psy.D.  
Joy Duckett, Psy.D.*

**June 22, 2016 1:30 A.M. Jurisprudence Examination**

*Aviva Moster, Ph.D.  
Alexandra Ranieri-Deniken, Psy.D.  
Emmanuel Mercedes, Ph.D.  
Deniz Kalyon, Psy.D.*

*Karen Owen, Psy.D.  
Suzi Millar, Psy.D.  
Anupama Saale-Prasad, Ph.D.  
Dana Susino, Psy.D.*

**VI. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Farrar-Anton, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the following candidates were unanimously approved for the three-year temporary permit for the **supervised** practice of psychology. Voting in favor: all.*

*Kerry Pitter, Psy.D.*

*Sonya Park, Ph.D.*

*Upon motion made by Dr. Farrar-Anton, and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the following candidates were unanimously approved for the one-year temporary permit for the **un-supervised** practice of psychology. Voting in favor: all.*

*Alyssa Austern, Psy.D.*

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **1. Letter from Kenneth Welsh, Ph.D., TP #103-014**

The Board reviewed the request from Dr. Welsh for an extension of his three-year temporary permit, which expired on July 1, 2016. Dr. Welsh stated he will reach the required supervised hours by the end of January 2017, as he had no post graduate hours until he began working under permit. Dr. Welsh's permit was granted to him in 2010, but he accrued no client contact hours or supervision despite his supervisor's agreement to provide him with such. Dr. Welsh began working with a new supervisor in 2014. *Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Farrar-Anton, the Board voted to extend Dr. Welsh's permit until March 31, 2017 to complete all licensure requirements, with no further extensions to be granted. Voting in favor: all.*

### **2. Letter from Ewa Lavin, Psy.D., TP #133-038**

The Board reviewed the request from Dr. Lavin for an extension of her three-year temporary permit, which will expire on July 19, 2016. Dr. Lavin stated that between March 2013 and April 2015, she was unable to commit more than one hour per week to supervision due to personal reasons. In 2016, Dr. Lavin began working with second supervisor to add more hours of supervision per week. *Upon motion made by Dr. Evers, and seconded by Dr. Farrar-Anton, the Board voted to extend Dr. Lavin's permit for one (1) year to complete all licensure requirements, with no further extensions to be granted. Dr. Lavin's permit will now expire on July 19, 2017. Voting in favor: all.*

### **3. Letter from Sharese Dawes, Ph.D.**

The Board reviewed the request from Dr. Dawes for the Board to issue a new permit for her.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to inform Dr. Dawes that once she submits an application for a supervisor to be approved, the Board will approve her for a three-year temporary permit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-3.2. Voting in favor: all.*

### **4. Letter from Rosanne Moreno, Psy.D., TP #133-054**

The Board reviewed the request from Dr. Moreno requesting a ninety (90) day extension of her three-year permit, which expires on August 30, 2016. Dr. Moreno stated that she is in the process of preparing for the E.P.P.P. on June 6, 2016. Dr. Moreno requested the extension so that she can continue to keep her current caseload without lapse and complete all necessary licensure requirements.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to approve Dr. Moreno for a ninety (90) day extension, with no further extensions to be granted. Dr. Moreno's permit will now expire on November 30, 2016. Voting in favor: all.*

### **5. Email from Milagros Collazo, Executive Director**

The Board reviewed the email from Executive Director Collazo, who is the Executive Director for the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee and the Alcohol and Drug Committee. The Boards/Committee are attempting to establish a Committee to review and discuss input for possible regulations for Tele-mental health therapy. They are hoping to begin discussions in September.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Farrar-Anton, the Board voted to have Dr. Groveman represent the Psychology Board in the discussions for mental health teletherapy. Voting in favor: all.*

#### **VIII. REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES**

##### **1. Mihaela Dranoff, Ph.D./ David Applebaum, Psy.D., supervisor**

Dr. Dranoff appeared before a Committee of the Board to discuss her plans for retaking the E.P.P.P. Dr. Dranoff stated he plans to retake the exam in August 2016 and her permit expires on September 19, 2016.

*(With Dr. Farrar-Anton's recusal, the Board did not have a quorum and worked in Committee)*

*Upon motion made by Dr. Evers, and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Committee recommended to certify Dr. Dranoff to retake the E.P.P.P. with no changes to her current caseload. The Committee recommended to extend Dr. Dranoff's permit until December 31, 2016 to complete all licensure requirements, with no further extensions to be granted.*

*Dr. Farrar-Anton recused for professional reasons as he was her previous supervisor.*

##### **2. Ann Marie Bescherer, Ph.D./ Ange Puig, Ph.D., supervisor**

Dr. Bescherer appeared before a Committee of the Board to discuss her plans for retaking the E.P.P.P. Dr. Bescherer stated she plans to retake the exam in August and her permit expires on July 18, 2017.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board voted to certify Dr. Bescherer to retake the E.P.P.P. with no changes to her current caseload. Voting in favor: all.*

##### **3. Jessica Joseph, Ph.D./ Aileen Torres, Ph.D., supervisor**

Dr. Joseph appeared before a Committee of the Board to discuss her plans for retaking the E.P.P.P. Dr. Joseph stated that she plans to retake the exam in November or December 2016. Her permit expired on January 6, 2016, however, as Dr. Joseph works in an exempt setting a permit is not required.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Farrar-Anton, the Board voted to certify Dr. Joseph to retake the E.P.P.P. with no changes to her current caseload. Voting in favor: all.*

#### **IX. REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

*No items to review.*

#### **X. PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

##### **I/M/O Diane Handlin, Ph.D., #3306**

The Board reviewed the progress report submitted by Dr. Handlin's supervisor David Krauss, Ph.D., #2832.

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

#### **XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

##### **Dennis Finger, Ed.D., New Jersey Psychological Association (NJPA)**

Dr. Finger was present but did not comment.

**XII. MEETING DATES FOR 2016**

*September 12, 2016*

*October 3, 2016*

*November 7, 2016*

*December 5, 2016*

**XIII. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Upon motion by Dr. Evers, seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board moved to Executive Session at 10:20 a.m. to discuss consumer complaints and potential disciplinary actions. Voting in favor all.*

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

*Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Farrar-Anton, the Board voted to return to Public Session. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Voting in favor: all.*

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED BY:

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Date: Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D.  
**Chair**